

Jennifer McMillan Beyerlein

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Areas of Practice

Jennifer McMillan Beyerlein concentrates her practice on construction litigation and professional malpractice defense.

Professional Experience

Summer Associate, Lane Powell PC (2003)
Legal Intern, Washtenaw County Public Defender, Ann Arbor, Mich. (2002)

Admitted to Practice

Washington
U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Academics

University of Michigan Law School, *cum laude* (J.D., 2004)
University of Michigan Child Advocacy Law Clinic (Winter 2003)
Stanford University (B.A., 2001)
Member, Women's Track and Field Team

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

Construction
Environmental
Litigation
Insurance
Long Term Care and Seniors Housing Client Service Team
Real Estate Litigation
Sustainability and Climate Change
Summer Associate/Recruiting Committee

Representative Matters and Clients

Successfully defended and obtained summary judgment dismissal of defamation action brought in federal court against an engineer and engineering firm relating to an expert opinion, including successfully arguing appeal in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Defended several municipalities against differing site condition claims brought by contractors

Integral member of team defending premier Northwest architecture and engineering firms on \$8 million malpractice claim

Successfully defended several Northwest architecture firms in multi-million dollar malpractice claims

Integral member of team defending a large manufacturing owner in a contract dispute over payment and defective workmanship in the construction of a new facility and corporate headquarters

Successfully defended local subcontractors and contractors in personal injury claims brought by workers and other third parties

Defended numerous Washington law firms and attorneys in legal malpractice claims

Successfully defended property owners against invalid contractors' liens

Assist in evaluating potential legal risks, insurance considerations, and contractual solutions surrounding green construction

Publications

"Court: Pre-Construction Work Not Subject to Lien," *Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce* (February 2, 2011)

Design-Build Deskbook, 4th ed., Washington State Chapter, American Bar Association, Co-author (2010)

Speaking Engagements

"Green Building in Puget Sound: Can Everything Old be Green?" Environmental and Sustainability Series, Seattle City Club Co-sponsored by AIA Seattle, Panelist (October 15, 2009)

"2009 Year in Review for the Built Environment — Looking Back to Plan Ahead" (January 27, 2009)

"Its Not Easy Being LEED®: Challenges Facing Green Construction, Potential Pitfalls and Contractual Solutions to LEED® Certification," Lane Powell Seminar (October 23, 2007)

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Awards and Honors

Named as a "Washington Rising Star," *Super Lawyers* magazine, Construction Litigation (2009-2011)
Pro Bono Public Service Commendation, Washington State Bar Association (2006)

Professional and Community Activities

LEED® Accredited Professional, U.S. Green Building Council

Member, U.S. Green Building Council

Member, Cascadia Regional Green Building Council

EarthShare Washington

President

Board Member

Pro Bono Legal Representative, Court Appointed Special Advocates